

# EXTENSION OF ALIEN LABOR LAW WILL GREATLY AD BORDER STATES

AN order which will go far toward solving the labor problem of the southwest has been issued by the department of labor. The immigration law was extended on June 12 to allow Mexicans to come into the United States for railway maintenance work and light coal mining, under especially favorable conditions, the immigration laws being relaxed to facilitate the labor movement. Previously, only Mexicans intending to engage in agriculture were allowed to cross the border under the lightened restrictions. Coal mining and railroad work were added to the classification because of the great need for labor in those occupations and the difficulty of recruiting it in the United States. Besides, the mining of coal and the maintenance of railroads in first class condition were deemed essential to the prosecution of the war as well as to the existence of businesses and homes.

New law has been still further extended to permit the importation of Mexicans to engage in mining of any and all kinds or to be employed in the performance of common labor in connection with construction work being done by or for the government in the erection of buildings in the state of Texas and also in the jurisdiction of immigration district No. 23, adjacent to the Mexican border which includes the states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. These are the states which have been feeling most severely the shortage of labor to engage in the industries above specified.

At Camp Cody and the cantonments of Texas, there has been an urgent need for common labor and the need still exists at those aviation fields, camp and cantonments where building is still in progress. The copper mines of Arizona have been suffering for lack of Mexican laborers and the need was pointed out insistently at the time the immigration of Mexicans for purely agricultural labor was allowed. Very important to the southwest is the problem of supplying labor for railroad maintenance work. It has proved impossible at any time, even in peace times, to keep laborers, other than Mexicans, in the railroad section gangs whose groups of houses dot the desert from here to Los Angeles. It has been even more difficult in wartime when all kinds of labor, American and foreign, has been in keen demand at wages often higher than railroads could afford to pay for the class of work they had to offer.

At a recent conference of Texas employers, state officials and others, some of the critical phases of the labor situation were discussed and the need for extending the scope of the immigration law was pointed out. The latest departmental order relieves matters to some extent.

A paragraph of the order is deserving special emphasis as removing one of the causes of discontent in the past. It says:

At the same time the practice of deducting a portion of the laborer's wages, as stipulated in the amendment (to the immigration law) and made a part of the contract executed and entered into between the employer, the government and the alien will be discontinued. From this time on, all Mexican laborers working under special contracts as above mentioned will receive their full wages as they become due, which is quite as it should be. If the laborer cannot be kept on the job by good wages and fair treatment until such time as the contract expires or the job is finished and he returns to Mexico, certainly he cannot be kept at work in the resentful mood inspired by holding back part of his wages.

In addition to what has been done, the department of labor should wage an unrelenting combat against the propaganda in Mexico which is aimed at keeping Mexican labor out of the United States by telling laborers if they come to the United States they will be drafted into military service. Mexicans could learn the falsity of this statement by asking any of our consuls in Mexico or by communicating with their own ministry of foreign relations or any of their consuls in this country, but they do so infrequently. The fear of being conscripted for war has not only caused many Mexicans to return to Mexico, but has kept thousands more from coming to this country. The department of labor, acting through the United States Employment Service, can help the situation very greatly by waging a counter offensive to this propaganda, letting it be known in every part of Mexico that the Mexican who comes to this country to work positively will not be taken for military service in any capacity whatever; that he may build railroads, work on the levees, or receive wages there, but will not be obliged to don uniform and live in tents.

## Little Interviews

### Auto Men Here Asked To Close Up Shop On Sundays Action Taken Here Only On The Request Of Government

FEEL that in justice to myself and all the patriotic automobile dealers and allied business, who are complying with the request of the war economy board of the council of national defense, and to assist in entirely eliminating the misapprehensions on the part of the automobile using public, who are customers and friends, I should make a statement," said J. W. Kirschbaum.

"I was appointed by F. W. A. Vesper, president of the National Automobile Dealers' association, as a local representative. He said he hoped I would call the dealers of El Paso with the purpose of putting this into effect at the earliest possible moment the things he wished done. He cautioned me that in carrying out the suggestions of the war service committee it sometimes develops that because of misconception of its situation, the local committee is faced with a number of unexpected petty objections. To quote further: Automobile dealers and allied business are expected to not upon the suggestions in question is a thoroughly American matter. It is not a matter of foreign origin. It is therefore, hoped by every thorough American automobile business man that it will not be necessary to issue any absolute order to this industry."

A letter to Mr. Vesper from K. T. Copeland, of the war industry board, Washington, D. C., dated July 6, says: "We trust every automobile dealer will be ready to do everything he can in a practical way to help with the war. This is his duty and privilege as a citizen of the United States. If it appears your committee is going to be unable to put through the program they have undertaken we shall have to call a conference with them on the question with a view of making necessary investigation and determine what action to take. We hope your committee will be able to accomplish this result without direct intervention by the government."

The resolution adopted at the meeting Wednesday night, where I acted as chairman, and which meeting was called to consider the recommendations, are the same as sent me for their adoption, and are exactly the same as have been adopted in nearly every other city in the United States, particularly in the east. There were four exceptions made in these recommendations, and personally I have never heard or read of any exceptions being made to them before. These exceptions were that: 1. That strictly cash basis would not apply

## Once Again The Truth

"Cobb said yesterday in his speech here if senator Hudspeth was elected it would be by the vote of the negroes, Mexicans, saloonkeepers, bartenders and women of the underworld of this district."

"E. L. Kelly," COBB struck to the truth to the very last, if he said what Mr. Kelly says he said. Hudspeth read the above telegram at his meeting in Cleveland square Friday evening, as if it was a slander upon him.

As The Herald has frequently said, SOME good people—many misguided, many influenced by political friends of the state senator—are voting for him, but if he is elected, which the good people of the district do not believe he will be, IT WILL BE BY THE VOTES OF THE NEGROES, MEXICANS, SALOONKEEPERS, BARTENDERS AND WOMEN OF THE UNDERWORLD. Cut their vote out in the district and what Claude Hudspeth would receive would not be enough to count him in the race.

It is an easy matter to show what purports to be a "canceled" check. A receipt from the head of the Red Cross is different. Why can't Hudspeth get a written statement from Dr. W. L. Brown that he contributed to the Red Cross?

Why didn't Hudspeth get a statement from the Rio Grande Valley bank that he bought his Liberty bonds BEFORE the day he flouted them in Cleveland square. WHY?

President Wilson put a Bee in congressman Slayden's bonnet.

Some people seem to take a delicious joy in predicting pages of casualty lists, like those folks who used to forecast a white winter and many graves.

If the Bolsheviks declare war on the contents, they will be living up to their reputation for doing the wrong thing at the right time.

Judging by the political news from Arizona, everybody's running for state or county office or the legislature and who's going to pick the cotton?

Our first cruiser submarine has been christened "AA-1" and that always designates a fancy commodity of person who stands high with the credit man—anyway, a first class article. The name's appropriate.

It's a fact that you don't hear of match makers striking.

When San Francisco gets that 133 acre shipyard, all the native sons will have something else biggest to boast about.

When the Yanks got to the Marne, they said: "They shall not pass." And they didn't.

While using the pincers on the crown prince, why not try the lemon squeezer? Also, a nut cracker might be applied to Wilhelm II to good advantage.

The Boches say the Americans have no brains; they don't know when to quit. But they're got to admit the Yanks are as good in practice as they are in theory.

These are the days when the optimist does a rushing business, with everything coming his way.

How can they apply a "work or fight" order to a married man?

The Marines are a great success and they certainly believe in advertising.

According to R. L. Young, the Bill Nye of Las Cruces, it's a shame those perfectly decent Apache Indians of ours should have to be contaminated by contact with the un-speakable Hun.

It's a cinch that all of the Cobb voters were cast by the better element of people.

## UNFLINCHING

By Winsor McCay

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## TODAY Editorial Comment By Arthur Brisbane

THIS country teaches young men to think for themselves—in the public schools, where all are equal; in the army, where every organization has its own laws, and where the man who doesn't think, goes to the insane asylum.

This individual thinking is reflected in the cables that tell about the fighting.

For instance, Fred Brown and Oleg Wladimirov, young American sergeants, were taken prisoners after their last cartridge was fired. They were taken to the rear to be questioned, under guard of a German officer and a soldier.

An hour later they walked into the American lines, holding prisoners with them. On the walk back toward the German rear they had knocked down their guards, taking their revolvers, and made their fellow prisoners.

The Conde de Castella is sunk, and the San Diego, an American auxiliary cruiser, is destroyed—probably by a German mine or other device. In these last four killings there is as little comfort for Prussia as there was for the gallies who killed the kindly priest with a heavy brass cannon.

A few extra murders do not change the fact that Prussian autocracy is on its way to the guillotine. The knife will fall soon.

The good news from Europe is due largely to the fighting quality of the young American soldier.

And his fighting is based on his thinking.

The American boy as an individual fights as did the great Napoleon, using armies for his tools.

Napoleon, like the young men from all over the country, fighting in the woods, shell holes and along the river banks of France, acted upon the moment's quick thought. This made it

## Names In The News

Hungary—is the original name for the Hungarian people. At present they are the predominant element of the population, being for the most part the hard owning class. Politically their object has been to maintain supremacy over the state in the kingdom and to extend a hegemony over the Slavic peoples of the Balkan peninsula.

On the other, "to be sure to meet Napoleon." They met him. He lost one half of the Austrian army, then crossed the river and beat the other half.

"Circumstances—I make circumstances," said Napoleon. The thinking American soldier takes circumstances as they find them, and makes them suit their purpose.

They fight better in scattered groups than in crowds.

Napoleon knew that the individual, if given the chance, could do his own planning. He made a lawyer's son king of Sweden—the family still rules there. He told his men that each had a marshal's baton in his knapsack. It was for the soldier to produce it.

The average American in the khaki of a private has the thinking mind of a pretty good general in his head. But 10,000 Americans opposite 10,000 Prussians. On the Prussian side you have one man thinking and commanding. 10,000 obeying without thought.

On the American side you have 10,000 thinking for themselves and obeying.

That is the secret of the news that the cables bring from Europe.

The Prussians are brave, strong, wonderfully disciplined and ready to die for their king. But it is not the same with the Americans.

Whereas the American, finding himself alone, says: "I am up to me—I am the general now."

Food, money, economy—all will help him win. But thinking will win it.

And that is bad news for Prussia.

Mer MacArthur, a Scotch woman, is a candidate for a seat in the British parliament.

## How A Policeman And An Ambulance Can Cause Lot Of Mental Speculation

By K. G. B.

I WAS going by. AND I saw an ambulance. DRIVE UP to the house. AND STOP there. AND A man got out. AND RAN up the steps. AND RANG the bell. AND THEY let him in. AND I hung around. FOR A little while. AND THE man came out. AND GOT in the ambulance. AND WENT away. AND I went on. AND AN hour later. I WAS coming home. AND THERE was a policeman. RINGING THE bell. AND HE went in the house. AND I waited around. TILL DINNER time. AND HE didn't come out. AND I went home. AND THE very next day. I WAS going by. AND I heard the ambulance. RINGING ITS bell. ON THE way up the street. AND IT stopped again. IN FRONT of the house. AND THE man got out. AND RANG the bell. AND WENT in the house. AND STAYED just a minute. AND CAME out again. AND GOT in the ambulance. AND WENT away.

CLANNING THE bell. AND JUST as he left. THE POLICEMAN came. AND RANG the bell. AND WENT into the house. AND CAME right out. AND HURRIED away. AND I went home. AND WAS all excited. AND TOLD my wife. AND LATE that night. WE WENT down the street. TO WHERE the house is. AND ALL we could see. WAS ONE dim light. IN AN upstairs room. AND JUST at the moment. WE WERE going by. A MAN came out. AND LOOKED around. AND WENT in again. AND A minute later. THERE WAS A light. IN ANOTHER room. AND IN A little while. BOTH LIGHTS went out. AND WE waited around. FOR HALF A hour. AND THEN went home. AND ANYWAY. I'VE JUST found out. THAT ONE of them married. AND THE other one. IS HIS brother-in-law. AND THEY both live there. I THANK you.

## Abe Martin



Now that McAdoo has fired all the railroad presidents we hope he'll get after the train boy that charges 12 cents for a Pennsylvania cigar. Somebody's alms knockin' the coffee, but we don't believe we ever heard a complaint on tea.

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England is short of women doctors and has sent out a call for women to take the places vacated by men called to the front.

Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

## Kultur

YOU ask me what this "kultur" means, that's boomed by Prussian kings and queens? Well, slaying babes with submarines, that's kultur. I make a solemn pledge today, and later think it may not pay, what I throw the pledge away—that's kultur. I see the Red Cross banners fly above a shed where sick men lie; I bomb the shed, and they all die; that's kultur. I line myself with brute and beasts, I give the vultures daily feasts, I burn down churches, hang the priests—that's kultur. At every hour to God I cry, I'm always pointing to the sky; in every act God I defy—that's kultur. I send my neighbors' sons to fight against the sacred cause of right; but mine are safe at home each night—that's kultur. I claim that butchery is wise, that taxes are good for human eyes; I swear to all ungodly lies—that's kultur. Oh, think of all that's wrong and foul of mind that travel check by Jew, of kings who strut while subjects bow—that's kultur. And think of all the homes destroyed, the fair fields now an aching void, of those by treachery destroyed—that's kultur. There is an evil field abroad that knows no conscience, truth or God; we go to sink it to the sod: it's kultur.

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